**WHEREAS**, the governing authority of the City of Jesup, Georgia is its duly-elected Board of Commissioners; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners desires to promote the public health, safety and wellbeing of the citizens of the City of Jesup and visitors to the City; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 14, 2020, due to the impact of COVID-19 on the State of Georgia, Georgia Governor Brian Kemp issued Executive Order No. 03.14.20.01, declaring a Public Health State of Emergency in Georgia; and

WHEREAS, on March 14, 2020, Governor Brian Kemp issued a Proclamation convening the General Assembly of Georgia in special session on March 16, 2020, at 8:00 a.m. for the express purpose of concurring with or terminating the Public Health State of Emergency in accordance with Georgia Code Section 38-3-51(a); and

**WHEREAS**, the Georgia General Assembly met in special session and concurred with the Governor's Executive Order 03.14.20.01 by joint resolution on March 16, 2020, thereby affirming the existence of a Public Health State of Emergency and giving Governor Kemp emergency powers enumerated in Georgia Code Section 38-3-50 et seq.; and

**WHEREAS**, on April 8, 2020, Governor Kemp renewed the Public Health State of Emergency until May 13, 2020 by issuing Executive Order 04.08.20.02<sup>1</sup>; and

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> GA. CODE ANN. § 38-3-51 vests the Governor with the power to renew any State of Emergency for a period not to exceed thirty (30) days.

**WHEREAS**, on April 30, 2020, Governor Kemp renewed the Public Health State of Emergency until June 12, 2020 by issuing Executive Order 04.30.20.01; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 28, 2020, Governor Kemp renewed the Public Health State of Emergency until July 12, 2020 by issuing Executive Order 05.28.20.01; and

**WHEREAS**, on June 29, 2020, Governor Kemp renewed the Public Health State of Emergency until August 11, 2020 by issuing Executive Order 06.29.20.01; and

**WHEREAS**, on July 31, 2020, Governor Kemp renewed the Public Health State of Emergency until September 10, 2020 by issuing Executive Order 07.31.20.01; and

**WHEREAS**, on August 15, 2020, Governor Kemp further issued Executive Order 08.15.20.01, in further response to the Public Health State of Emergency;

**WHEREAS**, in pertinent part, Governor Kemp's Executive Order 08.15.20.01 provides the following: "That all residents and visitors of the State of Georgia are strongly encouraged to wear face coverings as practicable while outside their homes or place of residence, except when eating, drinking or exercising outdoors."

WHEREAS, in pertinent part, Governor Kemp's Executive Order 08.15.20.01 further provides that, subject to the other terms, conditions and limitations of his Order, residents of and visitors to the State of Georgia generally shall practice Social Distancing, which is defined as: "Leaving space yourself and other people outside of your home or place of residence. Persons practicing Social Distancing should stay at least six (6) feet from other people, avoid assembling in groups, avoid crowded places, and avoid large crowds."<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The Governor's Executive Order 08.15.20.01 sets out in detail all of the various terms, conditions and instructions concerning Social Distancing.

**WHEREAS**, "Social Distancing" has been defined by the Governor to include the following:

"Social Distancing" shall mean keeping space between yourself and other people outside of your home or place of residence. Persons practicing Social Distancing should stay at least six (6) feet from other people, avoid assembling in groups, avoid crowded places, and avoid large crowds. This provision shall not apply to cohabitating persons, family units, or roommates residing together in private homes, whether inside or outside of their homes or place of residence.

## BE IT NOW RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS BY THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:

**RESOLVED**, that the citizens of and visitors to the City of Jesup are *strongly* encouraged to wear face coverings as practicable while outside their homes or place of residence when other Social Distancing measures may be difficult to maintain, except when eating, drinking or exercising outdoors; and

**FURTHER RESOLVED** that the citizens of and visitors to the City of Jesup are further are *strongly* encouraged to maintain Social Distancing as set out in this Resolution and the Governor's said executive orders.

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